

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A rendering device for generating a display image of an area around a vehicle for drive assistance, said rendering device comprising:

a reception part for receiving a current rudder angle of a steering wheel of ~~said the~~ vehicle from a rudder angle sensor fixed in the vehicle;

a derivation part for deriving an estimated path for ~~said the~~ vehicle to take based on the rudder angle received by said reception part; and

an image generation part for generating ~~said the~~ display image based on a captured image captured by an image capture device fixed in ~~said the~~ vehicle[[,]] and the estimated path derived by said derivation part, wherein

~~in said display image, said image generation part overlays the estimated path is overlaid in the display image~~ on an intermittent basis.

2. (Currently amended) The rendering device according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ display image includes an indicator which moves along ~~said the~~ estimated path in a heading-direction of ~~said in which the vehicle is heading towards~~.

3. (Currently amended) The rendering device according to claim 1, wherein said image generation part overlays ~~said the~~ estimated path on ~~said the~~ captured image in a predetermined time period, but does not overlay the estimated path in other predetermined time periods.

4. (Currently amended) A rendering device for generating a display image of an area around a vehicle for drive assistance, said rendering device comprising:

a first reception part for receiving a distance to an obstacle located around ~~said the~~ vehicle from a measuring sensor placed in the vehicle;

a first derivation part for deriving a farthest point for ~~said the~~ vehicle to move based on the distance received by said first reception part;

a second reception part for receiving a current rudder angle of a steering wheel of ~~said the~~ vehicle from a rudder angle sensor fixed in the vehicle;

a second derivation part for deriving an estimated path for ~~said the~~ vehicle to take based on the rudder angle received by said second reception part; and

an image generation part for generating the display image based on a captured image captured by an image capture device fixed in ~~said the~~ vehicle, the farthest point derived by said first derivation part, and the estimated path derived by said second derivation part.

5. (Currently amended) A rendering method of generating a display image of an area around a vehicle for drive assistance, said rendering method comprising:

a reception step-operation of receiving a current rudder angle of a steering wheel of ~~said the~~ vehicle from a rudder angle sensor fixed in the vehicle;

a derivation step-operation of deriving an estimated path for ~~said the~~ vehicle to take based on the rudder angle received in said reception step-operation; and

an image generation step-operation of generating the display image based on a captured image captured by an image capture device fixed in ~~said the~~ vehicle[[,]] and the estimated path derived in said derivation step-operation, wherein

~~in said display image,~~ said image generation operation overlays the estimated path in the display image ~~is overlaid~~ on an intermittent basis.

6. (Currently amended) The rendering method according to claim 5, wherein ~~said the~~ display image includes an indicator which moves along ~~said the~~ estimated path in a heading-direction in which the of said vehicle is heading towards.

7. (Currently amended) The rendering method according to claim 5, wherein ~~in~~ said image generation step, said operation overlays the estimated path ~~is overlaid on said the~~ captured image only in a predetermined time period, but does not overlay the estimated path in other predetermined time periods.

8. (Currently amended) A rendering method of generating a display image of an area around a vehicle for drive assistance, said rendering method comprising:

a first reception step-operation of receiving a distance to an obstacle located around said the vehicle from a measuring sensor placed in the vehicle;

a first derivation step-operation of deriving a farthest point for said the vehicle to move based on the distance received in said first reception step-operation;

a second reception step-operation of receiving a current rudder angle of a steering wheel of said the vehicle from a rudder angle sensor fixed in the vehicle;

a second derivation step-operation of deriving an estimated path for said the vehicle to take based on the rudder angle received in said second reception step-operation; and

an image generation step-operation of generating the display image based on a captured image captured by an image capture device fixed in said the vehicle, the farthest point derived in said first derivation step-operation, and the estimated path derived in said second derivation step-operation.

9. (Currently amended) A recording medium with a program recorded thereon for generating a display image of an area around a vehicle for drive assistance, said program comprising:

a reception step-operation of receiving a current rudder angle of a steering wheel of said the vehicle from a rudder angle sensor fixed in the vehicle;

a derivation step-operation of deriving an estimated path for said the vehicle to take based on the rudder angle received in said reception step-operation; and

an image generation step-operation of generating the display image based on a captured image captured by an image capture device fixed in said the vehicle and the estimated path derived in said derivation step-operation, wherein

in said display image, said image generation operation overlays the estimated path in the display image ~~is overlaid~~ on an intermittent basis.

10. (Currently amended) The recording medium with the program recorded thereon according to claim 9, wherein ~~said the~~ display image includes an indicator which moves along ~~said the~~ estimated path in a ~~heading~~ direction in which the of said vehicle is heading towards.

11. (Currently amended) The recording medium with the program recorded thereon according to claim 9, wherein ~~in~~ said image generation ~~step~~, said operation overlays the estimated path ~~is overlaid on said the~~ captured image only in a predetermined time period, but does not overlay the estimated path in other predetermined time periods.

12. (Currently amended) A recording medium with a program recorded thereon for generating a display image of an area around a vehicle for drive assistance, said program comprising:

a first reception ~~step~~ operation of receiving a distance to an obstacle located around ~~said the~~ vehicle from a measuring sensor placed in the vehicle;

a first derivation ~~step~~ operation of deriving a farthest point for ~~said the~~ vehicle to move based on the distance received in said first reception ~~step~~ operation;

a second reception ~~step~~ operation of receiving a current rudder angle of a steering wheel of ~~said the~~ vehicle from a rudder angle sensor fixed in the vehicle;

a second derivation ~~step~~ operation of deriving an estimated path for ~~said the~~ vehicle to take based on the rudder angle received in said second reception ~~step~~ operation; and

an image generation ~~step~~ operation of generating the display image based on a captured image captured by an image capture device fixed in ~~said the~~ vehicle, the farthest point derived in said first derivation ~~step~~ operation, and the estimated path derived in said second derivation ~~step~~ operation.

13. (Currently amended) A program for generating a display image of an area around a vehicle for drive assistance, said program comprising:

a reception ~~step~~ operation of receiving a current rudder angle of a steering wheel of ~~said the~~ vehicle from a rudder angle sensor fixed in the vehicle;

a derivation step-operation of deriving an estimated path for ~~said-the~~ vehicle to take based on the rudder angle received in said reception step-operation; and

an image generation step-operation of generating the display image based on a captured image captured by an image capture device fixed in ~~said-the~~ vehicle[[,]] and the estimated path derived in said derivation step-operation, wherein

~~in said display image, said image generation operation overlays the estimated path in the display image is overlaid~~ on an intermittent basis.

14. (Currently amended) The program according to claim 13, wherein ~~said-the~~ display image includes an indicator which moves along ~~said-the~~ estimated path in a ~~heading~~ direction in which the of said vehicle is heading towards.

15. (Currently amended) The program according to claim 13, wherein ~~in~~ said image generation step, said operation overlays the estimated path is overlaid on said-the captured image only in a predetermined time period.

16. (Currently amended) A program for generating a display image of an area around a vehicle for drive assistance, said program comprising:

a first reception step-operation of receiving a distance to an obstacle located around ~~said~~ the vehicle from a measuring sensor placed in the vehicle;

a first derivation step-operation of deriving a farthest point for ~~said-the~~ vehicle to move based on the distance received in said first reception step-operation;

a second reception step-operation of receiving a current rudder angle of a steering wheel of ~~said-the~~ vehicle from a rudder angle sensor fixed in the vehicle;

a second derivation step-operation of deriving an estimated path for ~~said-the~~ vehicle to take based on the rudder angle received in said second reception step-operation; and

an image generation step-operation of generating the display image based on a captured image captured by an image capture device fixed in ~~said-the~~ vehicle, the farthest point derived in

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